

Missionary Was There When Lifeline Was Established

By James Lee Young
For Baptist Press

A 15-year-old boy sat near the front taking notes as Southern Baptist Convention "messengers" voted to begin the Cooperative Program unified budget on May 13, 1925, in Memphis.

Eugene L. Hill had ridden the train all the way from Durant, Okla. — by himself. His mother and father were deceased, leaving young Hill with five brothers in his charge. He was the oldest.

A good size and mature for his age, Hill was already recognized as a young minister of the gospel. He had been elected by First Baptist Church in Durant as secretary of its "75 Million Campaign" role in a denomination-wide effort to raise \$75 mil-

lion, 1919-24.

Hill, now a Foreign Mission Board executive, was viewed by his fellow churchmen and women as more than a mere boy. His leadership ability and willingness to assume responsibility, even at age 15, made it natural that he be named a "messenger" to the Memphis SBC.

The spirit of cooperation inherent in the 75 Million Campaign and the Cooperative Program made a deep and positive impression on Hill, even as a boy.

His father, who owned a small ranch near Durant, had pledged \$3,000 to the 75 Million Campaign in honor of his wife, who died at age 34 in 1919 of the "World War I Flu." But he was mur-

dered and robbed by a hired hand before the pledge could be fulfilled. The elder Hill, was only 39 when he died and had so instilled integrity and character in his boys, that his offspring determined to pay the entire amount.

Estate Settled

The estate was settled, and Eugene and his brothers made good their father's promise. The ranch was sold, and the boys moved to town to continue their education. With the pledge paid, they had \$37 each for the six of them, Hill said.

It was this kind of upbringing and devotion to duty that characterized Eugene Hill. His father had taught him bookkeeping, and young Hill used this to contribute toward the sustenance of the family of

brothers and to continue his schooling.

Then, here he was—a boy or young man of 15—sitting in a convention designed mainly for adults, listening and comprehending that a significant event was taking place in the life of Southern Baptists.

Eugene Hill was unusual.

"In all, I took about five pages of notes," he recalled of his first SBC-wide meeting.

The 75 Million Campaign report was given in the first session of the convention, May 13, 1925.

The amount raised was \$58.6 million — the largest ever raised by Southern Baptists in a cooperative venture, yet short of the \$75 million sought to expand the work and pay debts.

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Cooperative Program

Giving A Spiritual Matter Says SBC President Weber

NASHVILLE (BP) — As the economic crunch gets tighter, Southern Baptists were told here that they will reach their all-time record Cooperative Program unified budget goals for 1975-76 if

they realize that "giving is not an economic matter; it's a spiritual matter."

Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber, speaking at a Cooperative Program Luncheon attended by some 375 SBC and state Baptist leadership, confronted the national SBC Cooperative Program goal of \$51 million and the \$150 million goal of 33

state conventions covering 50 states.

"Every great achievement of our denomination has been born out of crisis," the Lubbock, Tex., pastor declared at the luncheon cosponsored by the SBC Stewardship Commission and the SBC Executive Committee.

Have Confidence

"We must have confidence that,

despite conditions, our denomination will exceed everything we have done in the past" in giving to fund a worldwide program of evangelism and missions," Weber said.

"If people get revived and committed, they will give," he said. "God doesn't lead us into deep water to drown us but to cleanse us. The entire world crisis lends itself to an opportunity for revival. The 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program is the track upon which we will move in evangelizing and renewing our nation and the whole world."

The luncheon program took on humorous note when Baker James Cauthen, the SBC Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary, was called to the podium, asked to step into a washtub, circled with a world map and asked to squat down in the tub.

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Convocation

On Congregational Singing Planned

A convocation on congregational singing will be held March 27-28 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said: "Music directors, pastors, and accompanists from all size churches, plus faculty and students from colleges and seminaries, will discover this first convocation on congregational singing to be entirely different, but most

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Fletcher Resigns Post For Pastorate

RICHMOND (BP) — Jesse C. Fletcher has announced his resignation as director of the Foreign Mission Board's Mission Support Division to become pastor of the 3,500-member First Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Knoxville church officially extended the pastoral call Feb. 23 and Fletcher accepted the new

post the same day. He will begin his duties as pastor in May. The church has been without a pastor since Charles Trentham resigned in 1973 to go to First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Fletcher, who has been at the board for 15 years, said, "Though I do not fully understand all the implications involved in leaving a task that has been my life for 15 years

and which has provided me such a sense of satisfaction and joy, I go obediently and with a strong desire to do the work to which God has called me.

"I could gladly work at the Foreign Mission Board the rest of

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HMB TV Film To Premiere In Jackson

The premiere showing of a half-hour television program will be beamed from Jackson television station WAPT, Channel 16 on March 7 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The program will be "Explain Me a Missionary," which has been produced by the Southern

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Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, represents world missions and the tub represents the totality of world missions. Cecil E. Harvey of Louisiana and Cecil Sims of Washington (state) (from left) wrap Cauthen in a world map. (BP) Photo

32 Mississippi Students Summer Missionaries

Thirty-two students from 12 colleges will be sent by the Baptist Student Unions of Mississippi to serve as missionaries this summer. Six will serve in foreign missions and twenty-six will serve as home missionaries in 19 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Pat Tidmore, University of Southern Mississippi, will join 17 students from other states to form a choir-witnessing team to Eastern European countries, including

East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Russia, and Sweden. The team will be under the supervision of Benton Williams, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Baptist Student Union summer missions is a program sponsored jointly by state Departments of Student Work, National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, the

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Bangladesh Missionaries Call For Additional Relief

RICHMOND (BP) —W. Eugene Grubbs, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's disaster response coordinator, said in an interview here that the agency's missionaries in impoverished Bangladesh can handle all financial resources that Southern Baptists can provide for relief and rehabilitation needs there.

Qualifying his statement, Grubbs, who recently returned from Bangladesh where he surveyed needs, explained, "Our missionaries in Bangladesh can skillfully utilize all the resources that Southern Baptists will place in their hands if they are permitted to choose projects consistent with their primary purpose for being there and which are based on their own intimate firsthand knowledge, insights obtained from other relief groups, and counsel from Bangladesh government officials.

"I don't put any limit on it if they're permitted to do it that way," he said.

Baptist Efforts

Before his departure to Bangladesh, Grubbs visited the U. S. State Department where he was

briefed on U. S. relief efforts and discussed suggestions and procedure for future Baptist efforts.

Arriving in the country, he talked to every missionary and several government officials including the district officer (equivalent to governor) of a province

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Mississippi Liberty Bell Replica To Be At SBC

An exact replica of the Liberty Bell which is located on the grounds of the state capitol in Jackson will be used as a part of the Southern Baptist Convention's bicentennial observation of the birth of the nation when the convention meets June 10-12 in the convention in Norfolk, Va.

The convention's observation of the nation's 200th birthday will begin this year in Miami Beach and culminate in 1976 at the convention in Norfolk, Va.

The theme for the 1975 convention will be "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," and the bell will be used to emphasize the theme.

Each of the state's has such a replica. Dr. John Lee Taylor, a member of the Foreign Mission Board, heard Dr. W. O. Vaught of Arkansas, president of the board, mention that the SBC Committee on Order of Business, of which Dr. Vaught is a member, had hoped to use such a bell.

As Dr. Taylor discussed this with Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Kelly suggested that the two call Gov. William Waller to ask if Mississippi's bell might be used. Gov. Waller, a deacon at First Church, Jackson, agreed and asked that a letter be sent to Heber Ladner, Mississippi secretary of state and chairman of the Capitol Commission, which is responsible for the bell.

Ladner replied, "As chairman of the Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, I am pleased to announce that the State Capitol Commission by unanimous vote granted permission to the Mississippi and Southern Baptist conventions

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The Baptist Faith And Message -- Creed Or Confession?

By H. H. Hobbs

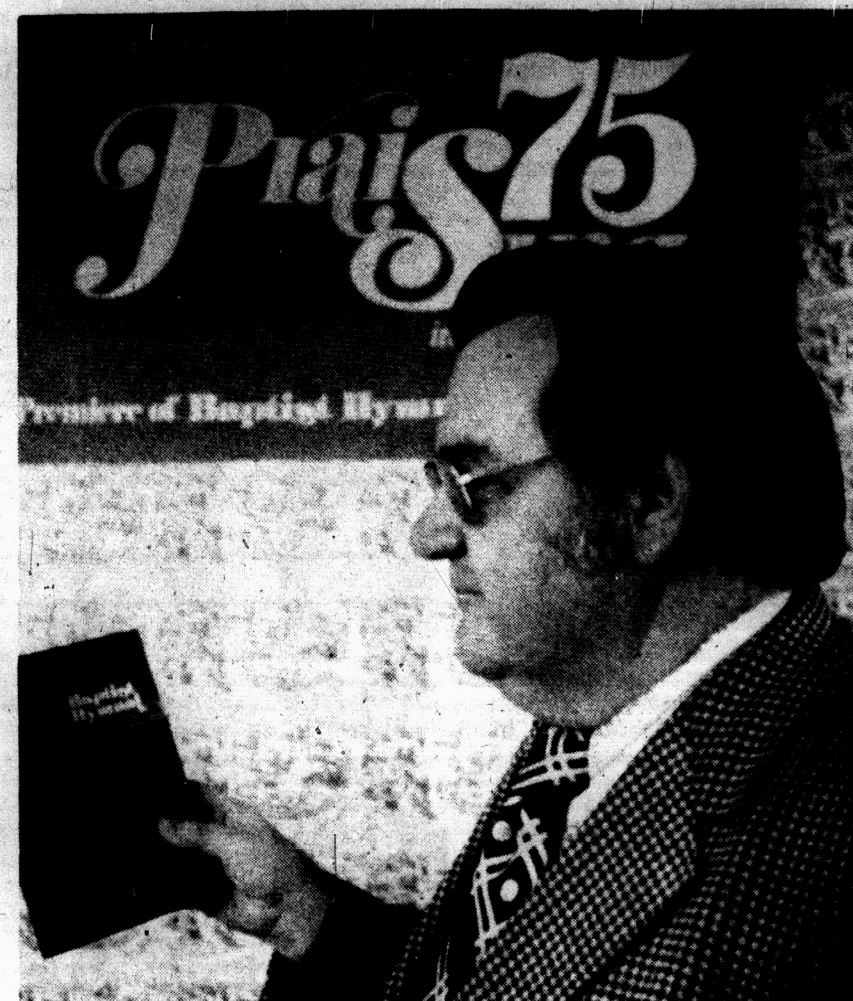
Recently I received a letter from the editor of one of our state Baptist papers. He referred to "The Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 as a "magnificent" confession of faith generally held by Southern Baptists. But he also pointed out that "some of the brethren are taking the position that Southern Baptists are

becoming a creedal denomination because of the misuse of the statement."

This brief article is not intended to take sides in various doctrinal problems faced by some churches, associations or state conventions. Rather it is to point out that to endeavor to make "The Baptist Faith and Message" a creed is to ignore the intent of the committee which presented it and of the Southern Baptist Convention session which adopted it.

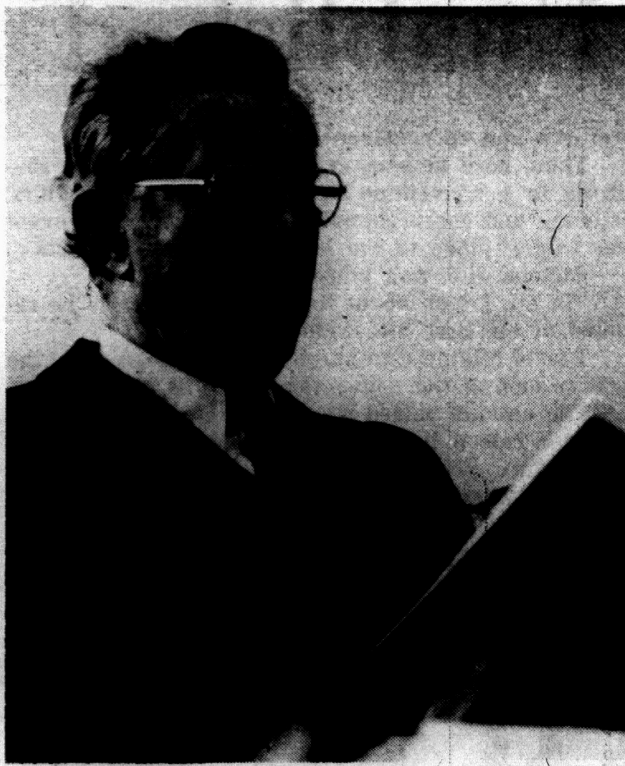
In order to understand any book one should first read its "introduction." For it is here that the author states his approach and purpose in writing it. The same holds true with "The Baptist Faith and Message." In seeking to interpret and apply this statement one should read the preamble. Otherwise he may find himself abusing rather than using this statement. Such procedure may easily distort a confession into

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New Baptist Hymnal

Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, holds one of the first copies of the new Baptist Hymnal, which will be available this month. The new 1975 Baptist Hymnal will be introduced at PraisSing 75, which will be in Nashville, Tenn., March 10-13. Following that the new hymnal will be available in Baptist Book Stores. The new hymnal was compiled by a committee of 68 Baptists from all areas of Southern Baptist life. It retains some of the favorites from the old hymnal, adds some familiar ones not in the old one, and adds some spirituals and some works of contemporary composers.



A WITNESS TO HISTORY—Eugene H. Hill saw history in the making 50 years ago when as a boy of 15, he attended the Southern Baptist Convention which voted to establish the Cooperative Program. (BP) Photo by Jim Legg.

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Hill recalled the reports and his interest in them, then noted a comment from his own pastor (at the time), R. C. Miller.

"This means that even though we have not received the goal, we have a program whose income will continue and in years to come will dwarf the amount raised (\$58.8 million) in the 75 Million Campaign," Hill recalled Miller said.

Without Fanfare

The program Miller referred to, was, of course, the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists passed—almost without fanfare—by messengers to the 1925 convention.

"There were other issues apparently more pressing to many there," Hill recalled. "The most significant—to my recollection—was when someone moved they withhold funds from the seminaries because of alleged liberalism." The motion unanimously failed, Hill said.

Foremost in Hill's mind concerning the Cooperative Program's passage was the presence of George W. Truett, then an active giant among Southern Baptists.

"Truett's charisma—he was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas—swept the auditorium," Hill remembers.

"Dr. Truett stood at the podium with one arm on L. R. Scarborough (also a Texan) and the other

on M. E. Dodd," then the pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. Scarborough was president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and had directed the denomination-wide 75 Million Campaign effort. Dodd was chairman of the SBC's Future Program Commission that recommended in Memphis the Cooperative Program proposal be approved.

No Microphones

"Truett towered over them. There were no microphones. He didn't need one."

Hill took notes as Truett stated: "I doubt any of us knows the proportions of actions we've just taken." Years later, Truett was to repeat his words to Hill as the two discussed the events of May 13, 1925. Truett was in Canton for the Baptist Centennial of Baptist Missionaries in China (1936), where Hill served as a missionary.

"Dr. Truett had a photographic memory," said Hill. "And I had his quote in my notes. I still remember exactly what he said."

Whatever the initial impression the passage of the Cooperative Program had on other messengers it made an indelible mark on young Hill.

"It impressed me then in 1925—that it would be Southern Baptists continuing way of financing their work. With me, it's the same today. The greatest contribution of the 75 Million Campaign was that it proved Southern Baptists could work together and could cooperatively finance all their work through one gigantic and coordinated system."

Hill went on to complete his education. He was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and from Southern Seminary in Louisville, completing his master's and doctoral work at the latter.

The prospects of working with a cooperating denomination of Christians appealed to Hill he recalled, and he volunteered for foreign mission service. In 1935, he arrived with his wife, the former Louise Heinrich of McAlester, Okla., in Canton, China.

In 1942, after Pearl Harbor was bombed, the Hills came back to the United States. Hill was forced to leave his 1925 SBC notes and other belongings behind in their house in Canton.

He never saw the notes again. The house and all were destroyed. As World War ended and the Japanese surrendered, the Hills returned to Canton in 1945 to aid in rehabilitation and relief.

In 1956, Hill was elected secretary for missionary education for the Foreign Mission Board—a position he will relinquish on his retirement at year-end 1975. The Cooperative Program has been the lifeline God has used to fulfill the missionary's mission.

His missionary career has spanned 21 years on the foreign field and 20 years working out of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's home office in Richmond, Va. The 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists—being observed in 1975—has special significance for Hill.

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to use Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell for the months of May and June, 1975.

"A little more than a year hence, we will be celebrating the 200th birthday of our great nation, and I know of no better way to get the citizenry of this nation involved in this historic celebration than by exhibiting the Liberty Bell.

"I am deeply appreciative of the Southern Baptist Convention's interest in getting our people involved in this historic celebration."

Dr. Taylor explained that the Ford Motor Company is preparing a vehicle to transport the bell and will donate its use as long as it is needed. It will be painted red, white, and blue. Ford will insure the vehicle. The Mississippi Convention Board will insure the bell. Appropriate precautions will be made for transporting the bell, safely, Dr. Taylor said.

The plans call for a ceremony to be held at the Mississippi capitol in Jackson as the bell is mounted on the truck. Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be present along with Dr. Vaught, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Kelly and, hopefully, Gov. Waller if his schedule permits. This will be in the spring at a date to be determined.

The bell will be taken to Philadelphia for a ceremony; to Washington, D. C., where it is hoped that President Gerald Ford might participate; to Richmond, Va.; to Greenville, S. C., where Southern Seminary began; to other historic cities; and on down the coast to Miami Beach for the convention.

Plans call for the bell to be in the convention hall at the platform and to be used at appropriate times for emphasis of the convention theme and the bicentennial celebration.

The Foreign Mission Board the Home Mission Board are sharing in the expense of transporting the bell, Dr. Vaught said.

Fletcher Resigns Post For Pastorate

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my active ministry with joy and fulfillment," Fletcher continued.

"Dr. Baker J. Cauthen's leadership has been the finest any Christian minister has enjoyed. (Cauthen is executive secretary for the FMB.) The fellowship of the board in terms of missionaries and staff and board members has been supportive and rewarding. The wider fellowship involving all those within our corporate life has been an extension of the same spirit.

"My convictions regarding missions and the task of mission support will be if anything even stronger in my new role. I hope to be a spokesman both in terms of my speaking and writing for the same cause which has dominated my ministry for the past 15 years."

As director of the board's Mission Support Division, Fletcher has coordinated the work of the departments of missionary personnel, missionary education, and promotion and furlough ministries. He also has given general super-

vision to public relations and press personnel and served as chief of the Richmond Bureau of Baptist Press.

While at the board, Fletcher has served as associate secretary of missionary personnel, secretary for missionary personnel and for the past six years as director of the Mission Support Division. He became division director on Nov. 1, 1968.

He has seen the missionary force double from about 1,300 to 2,600 missionaries. Also under his leadership the missionary journeyman program was begun, the extended missionary orientation program was initiated, the first data processing equipment was utilized at the board, the Department of Promotion and Furlough Ministries was organized, and the board's press office became the Richmond Bureau of Baptist Press.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The \$5-million Ras Beirut Baptist church here recently dedicated a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 400.



Signing Of Cooperation

Four Hinds-Madison Baptist Association leaders sign the Declaration of Cooperation, pledging continued support to the 50-year old Cooperative Program. They are (l-r) Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church and vice-moderator of the association; Alden McNair, layman from Salem Church; Dr. Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Church and moderator of the association; and Mrs. H. S. Allen, W.M.U. director of the Ridgecrest Church. The churches will be given a chance to sign the Declaration of Cooperation this year; the suggested date is April 20, 1975.

Charles King, SBC VP, Dies In Lexington, Ky.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (BP) — Charles King, 79, second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and the convention's first national officer who was black, died unexpectedly here the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 28, 1975.

King, who was the pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ky., and former first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, had been reported in satisfactory condition just two days before by a spokesman for St. Joseph Hospital here, where the minister was being cared for following a severe stroke suffered several weeks ago. King had been previously reported in critical but stable condition. Funeral arrangements were pending at Smith Funeral Home in Frankfort.

King was elected second vice president of the SBC in Dallas, in June, 1974, later telling a friend that it was "a highlight of his life." The church for which he was pastor 24 years commemorated his 24th anniversary on October 27, 1974. King suffered a stroke sometime in late 1974 but recovered and was able to walk then enough to attend the groundbreaking service for his church's new sanctuary in December.

He never fully recovered from his last stroke in January.

SBC President Jaroy Weber, contracted in Lubbock, Tex., was shocked to hear of King's death, saying, "Southern Baptists mourn the homegoing of Dr. King. His election was a milestone in fulfilling the biblical concept of all people being one body in Jesus Christ. He has served a very unique purpose and our Heavenly Father has called him home to be honored."

Stewart Simms, first vice president of the SBC and the pastor of First Baptist Church, Greer, S. C. said: "My immediate reaction would be the desire to express sympathy for myself personally as a fellow officer of the SBC and in behalf of the constituency of the convention who elected him. We will be greatly disappointed that he will not be able to share in the opportunity of presiding at the convention in June."

King was a native of West Point, Mississippi, but much of his life, and his ministry had been outside that state.

HMB Film - - -

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Baptist Home Mission Board. Grady Nutt, a humorist of national reputation, will be the "explainer."

The film was shot in South Dakota, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, North Carolina, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, and other locations. The purpose will be to show what a missionary does. Nutt will interview each one at the site of his work.

Officials of Hinds - Madison Baptist Association asked that the film be premiered in Jackson. Following the initial showing the film will be shown in some 25 other cities.

This will be the first film for Nutt, a Baptist minister turned entertainer. He has appeared on a number of TV talk shows.

The showing in Jackson has been timed to coincide with Baptists' week of prayer for home missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, both promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union.

Rev. Fred Tarpley is director of missions for Hinds - Madison Baptist Association, and Miss Marjean Patterson is executive secretary the Woman's Missionary Union for Mississippi.

Pastoral Care Seminar Mar. 13 At N. O. Hospital

On March 13, the continuing series of seminars sponsored by the Pastoral Care and Counseling Center of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, will be led by clergymen from three New Orleans churches, under the general topic, "Pastoral Care."

Father Jim O'Neill, director of pastoral education, Notre Dame Seminary, will present "A Biblical and Historical Perspective on Pastoral Care."

Dr. Kenneth Phifer, pastor, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, will deal with the topic "A Pastor Cares for His People." Dr. J. Truett Gannon, pastor, First Baptist Church, will discuss "Who Pastors the Pastor?"

Pastors and laymen are invited to make reservations through Chaplain Robert Pearce at (504) 899-9311, extension 230. The seminar will be held in Baptist Hospital auditorium from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., March 13. Registration fee is \$15.00.

32 Mississippi Students Are Summer Missionaries

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Home Mission Board, SBC, and the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

The missionaries receive no salary. Room and board is furnished by the mission where the student works. Transportation and other expenses are provided by the missions offering gifts of Baptist Student Unions. No church is solicited for contributions. The financial goal for this year is \$22,000.

The place of service, name, school, and hometown of each summer missionary follows:

Bangladesh, Edwin Broadhead, Mississippi College, Meridian; Chile, Regina Greer, Ole Miss, Hickory Flat; Eastern Europe, Pat Tidmore, University of South-

ern Mississippi, Meridian; Israel, Eric Holleyman, Mississippi College, Mulberry, Fla.; Malawi, Carol Ann Lowther, University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson; Philippines, Marci Zachary, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg;

Alaska, Don Hulsey, Blue Mountain College, New Albany; Alaska, Sharon Smith, Pea River Junior College, Poplarville; Arizona, Barbara Hosey, Mississippi College, Mendonhall; Brotherhood Commission (R. A. work in California), Lynn Evans, University of Southern Mississippi, Laurel; California, Brenda Hunt, Mississippi College, Bogalusa, Louisiana; Colorado, Debra Brown, Mississip-

pi University for Woman, Lena; Florida, Mike Luncford, Mississippi College, Calhoun City; Georgia, Sue Vancannon, Mississippi State University, Corinth;

Hawaii, Earl Bowie, University of Southern Mississippi, Pica-yune; Hawaii, Brenda Henderson, Jones Junior College, Laurel; Illinois, Yvonne Waters, University of Southern Mississippi, Pascagoula; Indiana, Jan Townsend, William Carey College, Franklin, Louisiana; Kentucky, Dianne Ivy, Jones Junior College, Quitman; Michigan, Martha Jean Welch, Mississippi State University, Memphis, Tennessee; Missouri, Janet Mayhall, Delta State University, Greenville; New England, Joel Yelverton, Mississip-

pi State University, Jackson;

New England, Rose Alldridge, Blue Mountain College, Grenada; New York, Tim Wilson, Gulf Coast Junior College, Gulfport; New York, Jennifer Harwood, Mississippi College, Lyon; Northern Plains, Mark White, Ole Miss, McComb; Oklahoma, Donald Dent, Mississippi College, Holly Springs; Tennessee, Sherry Howell, Blue Mountain College, Galena Park, Texas, Cathy Abrams, Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead; Virginia, Robert Baker, Mississippi College, Greenville; West Virginia, Billy Boyd, Mississippi State University, Sandhill; West Virginia, Lisa Brannon, Gulf Coast Junior College, Lucedale.



Abrams



Alldridge



Baker



Bowie



Boyd



Broodhead



Brannon



Brown



Dent



Evans



Harwood



Greer



Henderson



Holleyman



Hosey



Howell



Hulsey



Hunt



Ivy



Lowther



Luncford



Mayhall



Smith



Tidmore



Townsend



Vuncannon



Waters



Welch



White



Wilson



Yelverton



Zachary



**NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR
of the**

Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi

Theme: "Share His Love"
Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, March 18-19

Tuesday morning, 9:30 a.m.
Hymns of Praise
PRAYER EXPERIENCE
Greetings from Woodland Hills Church
Business
SHARE HIS LOVE THROUGH WOMAN'S
MISSIONARY UNION
Spotlighting Baptist Women
Hymns of Praise
Offertory Prayer
Offering
SPECIAL GUESTS —
PARENTS OF MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES

Prayer of Appreciation
Special Music
SHARE HIS LOVE IN YEMEN
Benediction
Tuesday afternoon, 1:30 p.m.
Hymns of Praise
PRAYER EXPERIENCE
Presentation of Speaker
SHARE HIS LOVE AROUND THE WORLD
Hymns of Praise
SHARE HIS LOVE IN LANDS
TO THE SOUTH
Spotlighting Mission Friends
Special Music
SHARE HIS LOVE ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI
GULF COAST
Special Music
Tuesday night, 7:00 p.m.
Pre-session music

Hymns of Praise
Prayer
Spotlighting Baptist Young Women
Hymns of Praise
Offertory Prayer
Offering

"NOT ONE BUT MANY"
HISTORICAL DRAMA PRESENTED BY
SPEECH DEPARTMENT, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
Wednesday morning, 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Charles Tyler
Dr. James Young
Mrs. Louie Odom

Rev. Lewis I. Myers, Jr.
Rev. James Richardson
Dr. Baker J. Cauthen
Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Frederick
Rev. and Mrs. John Jacobs
Waudine Storey
Mrs. Louie Odom
Rev. Paul Vandercook

Women's Handbell Choir
First Baptist Church, Clinton

Mrs. Billy Williams
Frances Shaw

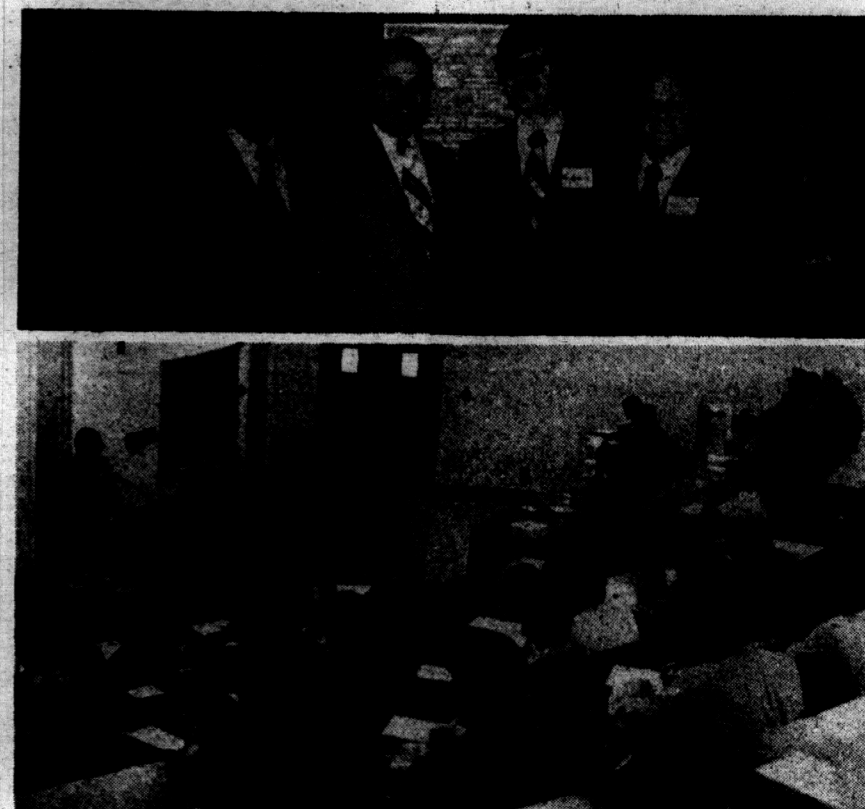
Mrs. Robert Dent

Hymns of Praise
PRAYER EXPERIENCE
SHARE HIS LOVE THROUGH TIME
Business
Bylaws Committee Report
Election of Officers

Mrs. James Young
Mrs. Lee N. Allen
Mrs. Vince Scooper

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Mississippi WMU Executive Board Members
Spotlighting Acteons
Hymns of Praise
Offertory Prayer
Offering
Special Music
SHARE HIS LOVE THROUGH
MISSION ACTION
Benediction
Wednesday afternoon, 1:30 p.m.
Hymns of Praise
PRAYER EXPERIENCE
SHARE HIS LOVE THROUGH
MISSIONARY HOMES
Greetings and Courtesy Committee Report
Spotlighting Girls in Action
Hymns of Praise
Special Music
SHARE HIS LOVE THROUGH
STUDENT WORK
Benediction

Marilyn Hopkins
Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr.
Beverly Hammack
Mrs. Louie Odom
Rev. Harry Raley
Mrs. Lewis I. Myers, Jr.
Mrs. Harry Raley
Waudine Storey
Mary Frank Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Louie Odom



Pastoral Care Seminar

Program personalities of the 15th annual seminar on pastoral care of the ill are shown above. The subject was "Ministry to Suicidal Persons." Left to right are Rev. Gary Watkins, pastor of Pine Lake Church at Barnett Reservoir; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission; Dr. Jack Follis, chaplain, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian; Dr. Ray Huff, Jackson, a clinical psychologist; Dr. W. W. Causey, pastor, Parkway Church, Jackson; and Rev. H. Gordon Shamburger, chaplain, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson. Others on the program included Paul J. Pryor, administrator, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; and Dr. A. J. Santangelo, psychiatrist at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. The lower photo is of the seminar in session with Ray Huff speaking.

Giving A Spiritual Matter

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A participant from the audience, asked to lift the tub of "world mission responsibility," failed to do so. But a second person helped, demonstrating that Baptists must work together in financial responsibility.

Need Every Member
"Only as we energize our dreams through the Cooperative Program" Weber said, "will those dreams become a responsibility. We need every member of the Baptist family."

"We are in a death struggle for souls," he declared. "This is no time to talk about retreat, cut-back, or decline. Our 12.5 million Southern Baptists have the money which the agencies need to do God's work."

He challenged SBC agency and state staffers and members of SBC churches to commit themselves to an awareness of need, the loving spirit to care and the willingness to share.

Later in the day, the SBC Executive Committee, meeting in semi-annual session, approved the overall budget goal of \$51 million for SBC world mission causes and support of the overall goal of \$150 million.

Citing the desperate needs of

the world, the economic crisis and the greatness of God and the lordship of Christ, the Executive Committee appealed "to all our churches and to all Southern Baptists to pray unceasingly for unity, fidelity, and commitment that we shall not fail Christ in this time of crisis and opportunity; demanding our best for his sake and his glory."

Basic Budget

Included in the \$51 million is a \$41 million basic budget which was apportioned among SBC agencies and the SBC Operating Budget.

Nearly half — \$20,480,400 — of the \$41 million will go to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, with \$7.6 million ticketed for the SBC Home Mission Board and more than \$8.6 million set aside for the six SBC-owned theological seminaries.

Of the seminaries, Southwestern will get over \$2.3 million, with Southern, New Orleans and Southeastern getting more than \$1.8

million, \$1.4 million, and \$1.2 million respectively.

The only other agency getting more than a million was the Radio and Television Commission, with an excess of \$1.1 million.

The additional \$9 million "challenge" portion — over and above the \$41 million and an additional \$1 million for capital needs — will be divided proportionately among the agencies.

At the Cooperative Program Luncheon special emphases were announced to communicate Cooperative Program needs, including Cooperative Program 50th Anniversary Sunday, April 20, and Cooperative Program month, October.

State conventions and churches were encouraged to increase percentage of giving to the Cooperative Program to keep the missions and evangelism efforts throughout the United States and 82 countries growing.

Family Life Enrichment At Ridgcrest

Rev. Julius Thompson, pastor, announces that a Family Life Enrichment Conference will be held March 7-12, at Ridgcrest Church, Jackson. The theme will be "Helping Make Good Homes Better."

Conference leaders will include Dr. S. Wallace Carr, Reformed Presbyterian Seminary; Bill Hayes, staff, Mississippi Council on Aging; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, family life counselor, author, and executive director of the Christian Action Commission, MCBC; Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, housewife, and co-author of *Behaving at Home*; and Dr. J. Phillip Stanberry, assistant professor of religious education at Mississippi College.

Friday and Saturday night conferences, 7-9 p.m., will be for youth. Monday (7 p.m.), Tuesday (7 p.m.), and Wednesday (6:15 and 7:15 p.m.) conferences will be for adults. Sunday morning and night meetings will be for both youth and adults.

Dr. and Mrs. Hensley will be speakers during a covered-dish luncheon for older adults (retirees and near retirees) Tuesday, March 11, at 12 noon.

The Baptist Faith And Message

Creed Or Confession?

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a creed, something that was never intended for it. The preamble colors the correct interpretation and use of the body of the statement.

The committee which drew up this statement relied heavily upon and followed the spirit of the preamble to the 1925 statement of the Southern Baptist Convention. This original statement recognized "that any group of Baptists, large or small, have the inherent right to draw up for themselves and publish to the world, a confession of their faith whenever they may think it advisable to do so." This is preceded by the avowal that the committee did not regard this or any other confession as "complete statements of our faith, having any quality of finality or infallibility." They further pointed out "that the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments." (The 1963 committee stated that "the criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted in Jesus Christ.") Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over the conscience.

The 1963 committee added for emphasis and summary the following statement. "A living faith must experience a growing understanding of true and must be continually interpreted and related to the needs of each generation. Throughout their history Baptist bodies, both large and small, have issued statements of faith which comprise a consensus of their beliefs. Such statements have never been regarded as complete, infallible statements of faith, nor as official creeds carrying mandatory authority (writer's bold face type). Thus this generation of Southern Baptists is in historic succession of intent and pur-

pose as it endeavors to state for its time and theological climate those articles of the Christian faith which are most surely held among us.

"Baptists emphasize the soul's competency before God, freedom in religion and the priesthood of the believer. However, this emphasis should not be interpreted to mean that there is an absence of certain doctrines that Baptists believe, cherish and with which they have been and are now closely identified."

Now it is one thing to write and adopt a confession of faith. It is quite another thing to apply it in given situations. It should be noted, however, that a misapplication defeats the very purpose of the statement. However, some observations may be appropriately made.

Certainly this statement should be interpreted in terms of the Scriptures, not by any one school of thought derived from a man or group of men. "What saith the Scriptures?" Not "What says tradition?" Neither should any person or church just believe anything it wishes and claim to be "Baptist." The Bible interpreted in the light of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit should be the determining factor, not convenience or expediency. Like the Bereans one should search the Scriptures to see if these things are so (Acts 17:11). Furthermore, no one Baptist or group of such should endeavor to force his or their particular shade of belief upon another or others. To do this is to violate the very heart of our faith which is soul competency before God.

Each Baptist body (local church, association, convention) is autonomous. No one exercises authority over another. But each de-

termines its own constituency.

"The Baptist Faith and Message" reads, "This local church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ." This may be said of each Baptist body. Which means none should do as it pleases but as Christ pleases or wills. "Unity in diversity" is at the heart of all Baptist fellowship. Speak the truth as one feels led of the Spirit to see it. But speak it in love (Eph. 4:15).

As the committee drawing up "The Baptist Faith and Message" considered the "Lord's Supper" one member proposed a statement of close communion of the tightest sort. Another said, in effect, "That would please the Baptists of my state. But we must remember that we are drawing up a statement of faith, not for one state or region, but for all Southern Baptists. It must be flexible enough for all of them to live with it." If such an attitude prevails among Southern Baptists they can and will resolve any problems of faith.

But by all means do not ignore the preamble. Without it the Southern Baptist Convention would not have adopted the statement. No Baptist or group of Baptists should ignore it in interpretation. For to do so makes it a creed and not a confession of faith. Cut out a man's heart and he dies. Cut out the preamble and this statement dies as to its intent and purpose.

—Reprinted from the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

The author was formerly pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City. He served as chairman of the committee which drew up the statement of faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City in 1963. He is recognized as an outstanding preacher and author among Southern Baptists.



Dress A Child At Easter —1975

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EDITORIAL Editor's Notebook

Editorial Briefs On Several Subjects

In last week's Record we carried the news story of continued Southern Baptist growth and advance. One of the reasons certainly must be the blessing of God upon us because of our Bible based missionary concern.

Latest reports from the Foreign Mission Board reveal that 250 new missionaries were appointed during 1974, bringing the total number under appointment to more than 2,600. The work now is being carried on in 83 countries. Every Southern Baptist can thank God, and praise Him for His blessings upon us in the area of World Missions.

Yet, the need for missionary personnel was never greater. The same report telling of the number under appointment, also tells of the num-

ber of new missionaries needed right now. There are 527 requests for 1,014 new missionaries, urgently needed in 1975. Of course, the Board cannot possibly meet all of these requests. However, it may be able to appoint more than 200 persons again this year, so that we continually will advance in the foreign mission witness. There is nothing more important in our work.

News stories tell of the death of Dr. Kyle M. Yates, former professor in Southern Baptist Seminary, and later pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston. When I read the story of the homegoing of this great preacher, teacher and writer, memories came back of his classes at

Louisville Seminary back in the '30's, but especially of a letter which I have in my files. This letter was dated in February, 1937. I was pastor in Paducah, Ky., where the great Ohio Valley flood had just left a city prostrate. Water had reached a depth of about ten feet in our church building, and nearly six feet in our pastor's home. It had remained in the buildings for three weeks. More than 90% of the members of my congregation had lost all their furniture and much of their clothing, and often their cars. The homes not destroyed were greatly damaged. There were no church services for nearly two months. The devastation and the dirt and the ruin is indescribable. One has to live through it to understand.

One day when we were trying to scrub out some of the mud, and throw out the remains of our furniture and belongings, the mailman brought a letter. It was hand written and said something like this, "Dear Joe: I have learned of your losses in the flood. A friend in Georgia has sent me some funds to distribute to preachers who have suffered losses. I am enclosing a check for \$75.00. Sincerely, Kyle Yates." To a man who had not had a salary in more than a month, and who had lost almost all earthly possessions, it looked like a million dollars! I shall never forget the thrill which the little note brought us, not only because of needed money but also because of the love of a professor whose interest in the "boys" who had sat in his classes led him to express personal concern like this. Kyle Yates was a great Southern Baptist, and we all shall miss him.

The Presbyterian Journal reports a newspaper clipping which told of a woman in Miami on her way to church with "an electric cattle prod in one hand and an ice pick in the other." In the months of December and January "two parishioners (of the church she attends) have died in muggings and about 12 others have been robbed or assaulted." This woman is determined to go to church and she is ready for them. Because of the neighborhood situation she has to carry these defensive weapons instead of her Bible. To which we would have to add, "It is a sad day when people have to carry weapons instead of Bibles to get to their church."

Speaking of education, Vance Havner says the happiest man in the world is the brand new Christian who hasn't met too many Bible scholars yet." — Presbyterian Journal

Guest Editorial

"You Buy The Booze"

by Raymond Lloyd

First Baptist Bulletin, Starkville Delta, Eastern and National Airlines are now serving free liquor to passengers in the coach section of the aircraft on some of their flights. Others will undoubtedly do the same for competitive reasons.

Free drinks have long been available in the first class section, but that did not greatly bother me personally because of the comparatively few people involved and the fact that I do not enjoy such luxury as traveling first class.

But free liquor now in the coach section means more guzzling and I don't like it. It is one thing to tolerate your neighbors buying such; but it is quite another to know you are in part buying the drink for him.

John Hurt, editor of the Baptist Standard the Texas State paper, has noted that 135 of Delta's 565 flights serve free liquor to all passengers who desire such. Nat'l is serving such on its East Coast Flights, and Eastern stopped its \$1.50 cocktail charge to meet the competition in the "Airline Booze War". Eastern has stated that it would cost them alone, \$1 million a year on flights where competition now requires the service. "It has been estimated that the cost on all domestic airlines on all flights would total \$100 million!!"

How incongruous can the airlines get? Air fares are steadily increasing, (at least 15% in the past year), there have been cut backs in

flights, some airlines are operating at a loss, merging, and are in various stages of financial difficulty and now they come along and establish this obviously uneconomic practice.

The Civil Aeronautics Board says that to offset this additional charge, coach fare would have to cover costs. So it amounts to the non-drinker paying the bill. Where else could the airlines get the revenue?

While I would encourage all of you to express your appeal, I would most strongly encourage you who travel by air extensively to take your pen in hand even this week, before the idea gets cold, and write to any or all of the following persons. There are a great host of you who are affected and your voice when heard will make a strong impact. Your opinion as businessmen and professionals, carries great weight.

Write to: Robert D. Tinn, Chairman; Civil Aeronautics Board, 4000 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C. 20000; Senator John Stennis, Senator James Eastland, the Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20000, and Congressman David Bowen, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20000.

(We suggest that you write the congressman from your district. We also suggest that you write the president of Delta Airlines, since that is Mississippi's major air service. He is Mr. David Garrett, President Delta Airlines Inc., Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Ga. 30331—Editor)

deep meaning, and that he can and must learn how to give it effectively. He sets forth his views in this book. He discusses the psychology of the invitation, and exhortation and invitation, listing different types of appeals.

GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS by Lenore T. Stringer (Convention Press, paper, 60 pp., 60 cents) This church study course unit is designed to help the older child apply Christian principles to his relationships with others.

GROWING UP IN MY FAMILY by Polly Hargis Dillard (Convention Press, 42 pp., paper, Family Enrichment Series) Biblical truths about family living, written in the language of children, ages 6-8. Pupil's Edition, \$1.25; Teacher's Edition, \$1.75.

ADVENTURES IN FAMILY LIVING by Muriel F. Blackwell (Convention Press, paper, Teacher's Edition, \$1.75, 42 pp.) This book includes 16 pages of practical teaching helps for ADVENTURES IN FAMILY LIVING, the Family Enrichment study book for ages 9-11.

WORKING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL compiled by A. V. Washburn and Donald F. Trotter (Convention, paper, \$1.10, 154 pp.) This gives an overall picture of Sunday School work by dealing with such topics as biblical basis, organization, leadership, outreach, teaching, and general administration.

FRIENDS ARE IMPORTANT by Janice Lanford Comer (Convention, paper, 65c, 76 pp.) The five-session unit uses Bible stories, child experience stories, and Bible-centered group activities to help children begin to apply Christian principles to their friendships.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL; WORKING WITH YOUTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL; WORKING WITH ADULTS IN SUNDAY



A "NEW" KIND OF TREE?

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Pastor Recovering

From Auto Accident

Dear Friends in Christ,
It is with a deep appreciation and love for all the people over this great state that we as a family say thank you for your many cards, letters, telephone calls and especially the many, many prayers offered up in our behalf following our automobile accident on December 27, 1974.

We are all home and still recovering. Brother Jimmy is still in casts but has been able as of last Sunday to fill the pulpit once again. We give the Lord the glory and praise and say thank you for your prayers, for we are truly convinced that this is what turned a tragic event into one of learning and trust.

The Jimmy Walker Family
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Rt. 3, Mendenhall, Miss. 39114

Seeks Old Books

By M. E. Dodd

Dear Dr. Odle:
I am searching for some old books written by my great-uncle, Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La. Most were written before I was born, so perhaps some of the readers could help me. I will appreciate any help from you or the readers of our fine newspaper.

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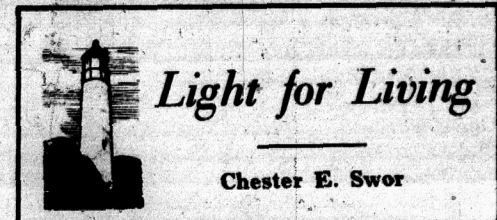
Dear Friends in Christ:
Emmanuel Baptist Church in northern New York has been collecting Betty Crocker coupons in order to obtain a movie projector for church use. Our need is for 80,000 points, and our goal must be met by August 1975. As we still have some way to go to meet this goal, we would appreciate any Betty Crocker coupons we might receive from others.

Your assistance in this effort will be most deeply appreciated.

Wm. E. Rogers, Pastor
Emmanuel Baptist Church
P.O. Box 230—79 May Rd.
Potsdam, N.Y. 13676

On The MORAL SCENE...

DIVORCE EPIDEMIC — "Today, 21 per cent of all U. S. married couples have divorced somewhere in the background of one partner or another or both. . . . Among today's 30-year-old wives, 1 out of every 3 marriages has been or will be dissolved by divorce. . . . Unless something is done to curb the causes of divorce, . . . more than 40 per cent of all marriages may end in dissolution. At present, it is estimated that 1 marriage out of 4 ends in divorce. And in 80 per cent of the cases, both partners will remarry. . . . An estimated 970,000 couples were divorced in 1974 — a 6 per cent increase over 1973. . . . The projections are that in 1975 more than a million couples will probably divorce — pushing the rate to more than 20 per 1,000 for the first time in history. Even the divorce binge right after World War II pushed the rate only to 17.9 divorces per 1,000 married women, a record that stood unchallenged for more than a quarter of a century. . . . More than 10 million children are now living with only one parent. . . . Broken homes are often cited as a factor in the nation's rising juvenile delinquency, which climbed by 144 per cent from 1960 to 1973 as measured by arrests." — U. S. News & World Report, January 13, 1975.



Have You Learned

The New Math?

Y plus J over C equals M. You never liked Math and are more than confused by the "New Math" which intrigues many educators and baffles parents? Well, you don't have to be a sharp mathematician to "do" the problem suggested for the formula in the first line of this article; for, amplified into words, it means YOU PLUS JESUS IN COOPERATION equals a MIRACLE.

In the ninth chapter of John a blind man cooperated with the suggestion of Jesus that he go to the pool of Siloam and wash his eyes, which Jesus had covered with spittle; and, when the blind man returned, he could see. He, cooperating with Jesus became the recipient of a miracle.

In the earthly ministry of Jesus, there were times in which he could not perform mighty works because of a lack of faith on the part of even his followers. In many instances, Jesus could not perform the miracle of regeneration because of individual failures to believe. Some missed the miracle of healing because they did not ask. Some of his followers failed to achieve vitality and victory because of unwillingness to make a total commitment of their lives. Some failed in worthy attempts because they did not really pray or because they undertook the work in their own strength alone. Others did not achieve victorious living because, though they heard from Christ's lips the way to victory, they did not follow in that way. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEN AND NOW, HIS DISCIPLES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT THE WORLD HAS CALLED MIRACLES BECAUSE OF A COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH CHRIST.

Have any miracles occurred in your life or in the lives of other people because of your complete cooperation with Jesus? Is your faith deep, abiding, active? Is your fellowship with HIM vital and constant? Is your hold upon God's Word strong and growing? Is your prayer life consistent and fruitful? Have you said to Christ, "Hold o'er my being absolute sway" and have you left the controls in His hands?

Remember: Y plus J over C equals M!

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Julio Benitos Gomez, over-all supervisor of the feeding center, with Missionary Harold Hurst in front of the feeding center building on Ailigandi.



Dr. Dan Gruver and Jaime Rodriguez on the boat leaving Ailigandi. The mainland in the background is only 1700 feet from the island.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt, chief of Ailigandi, and Harold Hurst, missionary, new administrator of the Marvel Iglesias Hospital, beside the island's Congress Hall.



First Baptist Church of Ailigandi has around 1,000 members. Population of the island is about 2,000.

Mississippians Run Farm, Food Center On Ailigandi

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Seventh In A Series

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side... then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul. . . . Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Behind us the San Blas Islands were tiny dots in a turquoise sea. Ahead of our small plane loomed the mountains of Panama's mainland. Missionary Harold Hurst opened his Bible to Psalm 124 and handed it to Dr. Dan Gruver.

Panama mission work was in the process of being shifted from Home Mission Board to Foreign Mission Board and the Foreign Board had transferred Harold Hurst from Honduras to San Blas, to be hospital administrator and chaplain for Marvel Iglesias Hospital.

The day before, when he arrived at the hospital on Ailigandi, he plunged into the maelstrom of problems that he would inherit as Dr. Gruver left for FMB orientation in the States. Dr. Gruver's plane was broken down and he'd had no time to look for parts; construction of a new hospital wing had stopped when it was discovered that the foundation was not strong enough; as usual, there were never enough beds; the missionary nurse, Naomi Page, had already gone to the States for FMB orientation; Marian Robertson, anesthetist, pharmacist, former Peace Corps worker, and all-around assistant, continuing to carry a heavy load of work, was critically ill; the hospital was overflowing with 60 or 70 patients and Dr. Gruver, the only doctor, was leaving next day.

Appointed in 1965 as the Home Board's first medical missionary, Dr. Gruver's dedication has earned him the title, the "Schweitzer of San Blas." As we toured the hospital we saw many children. Some had had surgery to correct harelip; others were ill because of malnutrition. Mothers were there, too, to care for them. We met a happy man, with a new artificial leg, and another man with a swollen, mangled foot. We saw an albino woman, dying with cancer, and a young boy with encephalitis, his grandmother outside the door begging to see him. In the face of such problems, Psalm 124 offered reassurance.

I first saw Mr. Hurst at the international airport near Panama City. Looking in vain for Missionary Ervin Hasty, I spotted a gentleman wearing a clerical collar and asked him if he knew Mr. Hasty. He said, "Why, yes, but he's not here. These two men have come to meet you." And he introduced me to Harold Hurst and Marshall Durham, HMB business manager in Panama.

Next morning we were up at 4:45, but the plane for San Blas was three hours late. While we waited Hurst told me something of his life in Honduras, where he went from Missouri as the country's first Southern Baptist missionary 20 years ago. He started the Baptist Book Store there and the Baptist seminary. He began a Baptist television program there, too, writing the scripts himself. He was administrator of a clinic, and worked on medical caravans. Though not a medical doctor, he is a licensed dentist, he said, and does minor surgery, too.

"There's our plane now." He pointed out a single engine—like the one Missionary Air Fellowship pilot Jim Russell crashed in, last June — It had a flat tire. In future, he said, he plans to stay four days a week on San Blas and three on the mainland where he, his wife Alice, and 15-year-old son, David, will live in a highrise apartment building near the Pacific.

I was relieved to see that a twin-engine, nine-passenger plane had been substituted for the one with a flat tire. After island-hopping for an hour or so we landed on a bumpy strip of land between the jungle and the sea. It had been a dramatic moment when the plane's rear door came unfastened, but the pilot calmly asked

the Indian in the back seat to close the door.

Crossing the 1700-foot stretch from mainland to island, we saw the water tanks of Ailigandi bearing the legend, "Christ Gives Living Water." I remembered that a Mississippian, Aubrey Edmondson, was responsible for fresh water being piped to the island in 1969—for the first time in history. Always before, the women had crossed in cayucas to the mainland and brought the water in calabash gourds. Even the hospital had no running water until that date.

Mississippians have compassionate hearts, I believe, for whenever they hear of a need, they are anxious to find out what they can do to meet it. Remember the old saying, "Kilroy was here"? All over Central America I saw evidence that "Mississippi was here."

Just before we landed across from Ailigandi we could see the neat rows of a farm, inland a few miles. "That's Donny Hendon's farm," Mr. Hurst said. "He and his wife, Nyleene, are back home now at Indianola, Mississippi, so you won't get to meet them." Their work is supported by Agricultural Missions Foundation of Yazoo City and by interested churches and individuals. Donny has cleared about 100 acres of jungle with his John Deere 4020. On his farm, a showcase of agriculture visited by people from all over Central America, he has 30 acres of corn that will yield from 80 to 100 bushels per acre and has tried at least 14 other vegetables on an experimental basis, finding bell peppers and prota-peas especially productive. He has planted ten acres of rice. He has cleared land for the hospital farm and for families who requested his aid. Soon he plans to bring the first cattle to San Blas, and milk goats to supply the great need for milk.

At the dock we met Ricardo Morris on his way to the farm. "The town has worked out a rotation system for all the men who want to, to work with Donny for two months," Mr. Hurst said. "They learn, and this also provides employment for them."

Just beyond the hospital we stopped at a large circular bamboo building, similar to others closely packed together all over

the island. "This is the feeding center that Nyleene Hendon started," Mr. Hurst explained. "As many as 365 children eat here twice a day. Many of the Cuna Indians are short in stature, possibly because of their low protein diet. Children eating at the feeding units are weighed once a month and daily records kept. Each child on the low weight list gets an egg every day—supplied by chickens on the farm."

Inside the center, we met Julio Benitos Gomez, a very capable Cuna India who supervises the overall work of the feeding center. He spoke English well. Father of nine children himself, he is naturally interested in the work he is doing. He showed us the benches and tables, rows of children's toothbrushes, and the lavatories where the children wash their hands before eating. "They say the blessing before they eat," he said.

Eight women, wearing gold nose rings and applied blouses called molas, were cooking oatmeal. "The gas range," Julio said, "was given to us by students from Mississippi State U., friends of Nyleene."

Crews of eight volunteer women rotate each week, to supplement five regular women. Nyleene has taught the women how to prepare the food Donny raises on the farm. Also she taught classes on food preparation, child nutrition, and sanitation. "At first the children did not like the vegetables," Julio said, "because they were used to eating lots of soup, but now they like to try new food."

The stove from Mississippi has been a real blessing to these women. When they were burning wood they would come at 5 in the morning, build a fire under the big black pots between the feeding center and the sea. The temperature would soon rise to 120 degrees. Besides this, the women had to bring the wood from the jungle, five or ten miles walking down a trail and then two or three miles down river paddling a cayuca, and across the bay to the island. Two hundred women got together and told Nyleene they would raise money by selling coconuts and molas to buy the gas to operate a stove.

"The Cuna chiefs have been so

impressed with the fine work in the feeding center that they have set up money to build a new concrete building for it," Mr. Hurst said. The Congress Hall where the men were meeting to discuss city business was next door to the feeding center. No women are allowed in such a meeting. The chiefs arose from their hammocks to come out to meet us (Mr. Hurst said this was a real honor for the chiefs to come out to meet a woman.) Ceferino Colman, chief of all the islands, was there, as well as Franklin Delano Roosevelt, chief of Ailigandi. In their usual custom, they were dressed in hats, shirts and ties, and no shoes.

That night I slept on the living room couch in an apartment that adjoins the hospital. There are three bedrooms, for the doctor, nurses, and others, and a dining room. Peggy, a red-haired anthropologist staying there for a few months, cooked supper—mush of rice, beans, meat, spaghetti, and yucca. Later she brought a tiny baby over from the hospital, so that she could feed it. Mr. Hurst, exhausted from a grueling day of meeting problems head-on and making preparations for taking over the hospital in Dr. Gruver's absence, held the baby for a while. His patience and sense of humor had been welcome traits this day! Somebody said, "Did you know we asked for sheets for the hospital, and Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union this fall sent us some?"

Tom Kent of California, another doctor, has been appointed to join us here at the hospital after he finishes language school," Mr. Hurst said.

During the night, Dr. Gruver got up two or three times to go to the hospital, they told me. The little boy with encephalitis died, and then, in just a few hours, another child was born. Day dawned on Ailigandi and Dr. Gruver made a final round of the hospital, leaving last-minute instructions and telling his patients goodbye.

Then on the plane Mr. Hurst remembered the comforting words of Psalm 124: "Our hope is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

(NOTE: Donny and Nyleene Hendon have now returned to



The house above, sturdily built of bamboo and thatch, is typical of the houses on the San Blas Islands. They are all built very close together, and to the water's edge.



Julio Benitos Gomez and a work crew of Cuna women inside the feeding center, where nearly 400 children are fed twice daily.

Mississippian On San Blas To Rebuild Electrical System

A First Church, Yazoo City, layman, Robert H. (Bob) Conger, is among a group making a mission trip to Ailigandi, San Blas Islands. The group left on February 28 from Memphis, and they will return on March 15.

The purpose of the trip is to rebuild the electrical distribution system on the island.

Ailigandi. She says, "All we have been able to accomplish has been because of a loving and wonderful Savior who has supplied strength and wisdom."

Brandon Proclaims 'Composer Day'

Composer Day has been proclaimed for March 9 by First, Brandon. Special guest composer

Duane Blakley, pictured, minister of music at First, Brownwood, Texas, will be in the church to conduct the Sanctuary Choir in five of his compositions. Blakley will be in both services Sunday with the complete program of his compositions being presented in the evening service. For The Living Of These Days, which he was commissioned to write for the Southern Baptist Convention in 1969, will be the highlight work presented that evening in the church pastored by Tom Baddley.

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medical team each month from the United States could see about 1,000 people daily in villages around Faridpur.

"We've got to remember that they are facing the greatest evangelistic opportunities they've ever had," Grubbs stated.

It's here! The NEW Baptist Hymnal

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Bangladesh

Missionaries Call For Relief

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of six million people near Comilla, a sub-district officer in Feni, and a joint secretary of relief for the Bangladesh government.

"We found that the State Department's suggestions, the missionaries' suggestions, and the Bangladesh government officials' suggestions all supported each other in approaches to relief," Grubbs said.

Noting the overwhelming task facing seven Southern Baptist missionary families as they attempt to minister to a population in Bangladesh of 80 million, Grubbs told of some projects the missionaries were already involved in and others that might be undertaken in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries stationed in Comilla, envision a "rural village relief, rehabilitation and development project" which would cost from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. Buckley has selected a village of both Hindus and Muslims in which to begin.

Provide Food
A "food for work" program would provide food and a small stipend in exchange for labor. Bengali men would dig and clean out small tanks (ponds) for irrigation purposes, for fish production and for raising ducks.

Buckley has been helping the Salvation Army build houses. The Carl F. Rythers, missionaries in Feni, are also involved in a "food for work" program. Ryther, an agriculturalist, says one deep

irrigation well will irrigate 50 acres of land.

A typical Bengali landowner owns about one acre. Therefore, each irrigation well helps 50 landowners. In addition, five laborers are needed if the land is cultivated as intensively as suggested by Ryther. Four crops a year can be harvested.

Five Persons

Grubbs said cultivation of a 50 acre plot would cost \$62,000 a year. Thus, for that total sum, assistance is provided for from 1,500 to 1,800 people.

The James E. Youngs, missionaries also stationed in Feni, are prepared to help rebuild villages and institute a community development program. This is consistent with the Feni sub-district officers' suggestion for a model village project. The cost would include \$800 for each house and an additional \$10,000 a year for other phases such as providing each village with about 10 sewing machines at \$100 each.

The Thomas D. Kirkpatrick, missionaries in Faridpur, have been involved in a grain distribution program which could be converted to a "food for work" project. This would cost \$18,000 a year. The missionaries would also like to continue providing scholarships for needy children who have had to drop out of school. This would cost \$6,000 a year.

Grubbs commended the wisdom of all the Bangladesh missionar-

ies in concentrating efforts in rural areas. Two missionaries are stationed in Dacca, a city of one million people. More assistance is available in Dacca than in rural areas. Grubbs suggested that financial resources could be channeled through relief agencies already at work in Dacca.

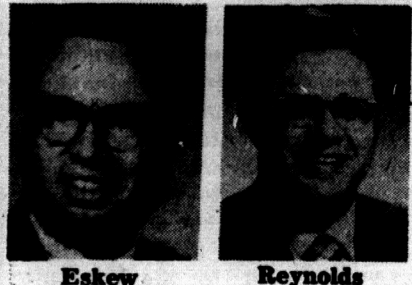
Grubbs suggested some major guidelines for Southern Baptist assistance. It is best not to attempt to import large quantities of grain or other foods, he said, because grain can be purchased locally.

Another suggestion is to avoid spreading relief efforts over large areas of "broadcasting" them. Otherwise, it would exhaust resources and leave the people hungry again in a few days.

Finally, he indicated giveaway projects should be avoided. Food and clothing can be supplied where available, he said, but make it an exchange program for work.

There will be a need for a few volunteer laymen from the United States to assist in several ways, Grubbs noted. A retired bookkeeper will be needed to keep account of all the Southern Baptist funds that are sent to Bangladesh. Several rice farmers could help in the agricultural areas.

Grubbs also mentioned a village medical assistance project that could be conducted in Faridpur. A



Eskew Reynolds

Convocation - - -

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helpful as Mississippi joins in a new Southern Baptist Convention emphasis on congregational singing. This convocation will be a gathering of worship leaders to give an in depth look at various aspects of congregational singing.

Out-of-state participants will include Dr. William J. Reynolds, director, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dr. Harry Eskew, professor of hymnology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Reynolds is editor of the new Baptist Hymnal that is soon to be in circulation.

A hymnal dedication service will be included in the chapel service March 28, at the Baptist Building. Several mini-hymn concerts are scheduled.

The advance registration of \$7 per person includes two noon meals at the Baptist Building and resource materials, including the papers from seven workshops that will be a part of the entire convocation.

Reservations can be made through the Church Music Department, Baptist Building, Box 530 Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Names In The News

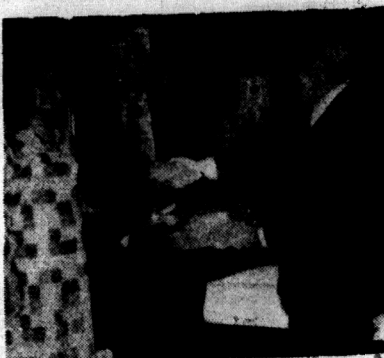
Jerry Beatty assumed duties as minister of music at First Church, Louisville, on February 10. Mr. Beatty has served churches in north Mississippi as minister of music since he



was sixteen, and was ordained by Waller Church in Union County in 1968. He graduated from Blue Mountain College with a Bachelor of Music degree, and goes to Louisville from Antioch Church, Columbus, where he served as minister of music and youth. He is married to the former Linda Marilyn Johnson of Coldwater, and they have one child, Melody Suzanne, 11 mos. Rev. Vernon May is pastor of First, Louisville.

William Carey College music student Don Richards won the state auditions of Federated Music Club Biannual Competition. A junior from Ft. Walton, Fla., he performed for the district competition in Baton Rouge on February 22. His major is church music. Mrs. Helen McWhorter is his piano professor.

Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 950-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil). She grew up near Natchez, Miss.



30 Years Service

The Weir Church gave a fellowship supper in honor of Lloyd McIntire who has given 30 years of service as music director. He was ordained as deacon in 1963. Mr. McIntire was presented a silver tray and a love offering for his loyal service. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. McIntire, Mr. McIntire, and Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor. The Weir Church has called Ray Sellers as minister of music and youth.

Ellen and Craig Steele, former Mississippians, will be appointed missionaries to Brazil in an appointment service to be held in Richmond, Virginia, at the Foreign Mission Board, on Tuesday, March 11. Craig was formerly youth director at Calvary Church, Jackson, and Ellen was formerly secretary to Dr. Joe Odle, Baptist Record editor. Since they left Mississippi he has been minister of education at First Church, Cookeville, Tennessee. They have three boys, Luckey, Leslie, and Lane.

Dr. William F. Davis, former director of Mississippi Baptists' Department of Work with National Baptists, now retired, is pictured on the cover of the February issue of Home Missions.

Heuck's Retreat Church near Brookhaven licensed Gary Alan Knapp to the gospel ministry, Feb. 10. Gary made his decision known on May 19, 1974, at New Light Church. He was called as minister of music by Heuck's Retreat in June, 1974. He attended Wm. Carey College in 1969-1970, and is now attending Copiah - Lincoln Junior College. His plans are to continue his pre-seminary education at Mississippi College. He is married to the former Shirley Newman of Brookhaven, who is now teaching at Co-Lin Junior College. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knapp of Jackson. Rev. Victor C. Johnson is pastor at Heuck's Retreat.



Barbara Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Massey of Laurel, has accepted a position with the Baptist Convention of Virginia, in Richmond. She will assume her new duties as Children's Division Consultant, effective March 17. She is currently serving as minister of childhood education with Trinity Church, San Antonio, Tex., where she has been since August, 1973. She is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

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Tenth Anniversary

On February 9 a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Jasper P. Neel, Jr. in honor of their 10th anniversary at First Church, Belzoni.

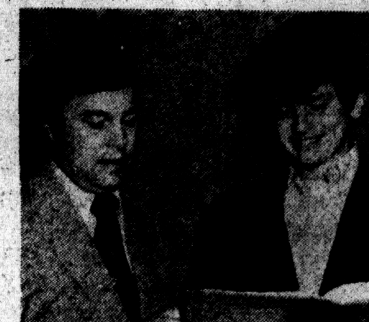
Mr. Neel assumed the pastorate there on February 7, 1965, going from Highland Jackson. During the ten year ministry, he has baptized 168 and had 303 other additions. Also a new \$350, sanctuary has been erected, and the church now has in operation a fully accredited Day Care Center. The church staff has been expanded to include a full time music and youth director. Many of the Neels' friends showed their love and appreciation by attending the reception held in the education annex.

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West End Church, West Point has presented pins to two women for perfect attendance in Sunday school. Mrs. O. D. Duncan received a 14-year pin and Mrs. W. H. Bird a 16-year pin. Both are members of the Martha Class. Mrs. Sam Byrd, Jr., teacher. Rev. Ray Walters is pastor; Keith Middleton is Sunday School director.

Rev. Billy J. Beckett, pastor of First Church, Duncan, made a 42-day tour of agricultural missions in Latin America last fall. A member of Agricultural Missions Foundation, he visited 14 different Southern Baptist missionaries. An article about his trip appears in January "Foreign Missions Today," a publication of the Foreign Mission Board.



Dale W. Cross, left, director of Baptist missions in metropolitan Chicago, recently lectured and showed slides to a Bible class at Blue Mountain College taught by Dr. James L. Travis. Shown at right is Glen Putman, Eupora, a ministerial student at the college.

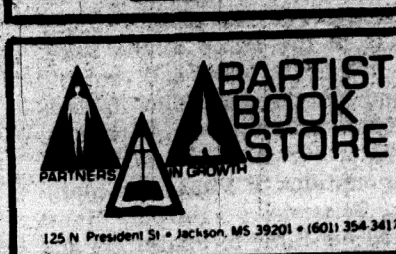
Mr. and Mrs. L. Byron Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 22.1 50000 Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. She is the former Dora Dunkey of McLaurin, Miss.

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1st, Coffeeville Gives Silver Service To Mrs. Clyde Pace

Members of First, Coffeeville, recent honored Mrs. Clyde Pace for her twenty years of service as director of the church choir.

Paul Harper, director of music and youth, spoke words of appreciation. Aven Jones, long-time member of the choir, expressed the choir members' gratitude. Then he presented her a silver service from the church. Mrs. Pace, formerly Doris Allen of Winona, moved to Coffeeville as the bride of Clyde Pace,

head of the County ASCS office.

She has a Master's degree in mathematics and serves as mathematics coordinator for the Coffeeville School District. She has a minor in music from MSCW. In 1962 she became volunteer director of the local church choir, and under her leadership the church's music program experienced great progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Pace have three children, Sam, a senior medical student in Jackson; Earl, in the School of Pharmacy at Old Miss; and Ben, an eighth grader in Coffeeville.



Mrs. Pace and Paul Harper

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"Lay Witness" Mission Slated At Mt. Pleasant

A "lay witness" mission will be held at Mt. Pleasant Church, south of Bogue Chitto and north of Summit. It will begin March 7 at 7 p.m. and continue through Sunday night at the regular church services at 7 p.m.

A variety of mission team members will come from several neighboring states. Coordinator for the mission is Max Mort, pictured, of Anthony, New Mexico.

Weekend activities will begin on Friday with the evening meal at 7 p.m. After the meal, there will be a general "get acquainted session," and small groups later.

"Coffee" will be held in homes at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with all coming together in Fellowship Hall for lunch. At 6:30 p.m., there will be a covered dish supper.

A special youth coordinator will have youth meetings and activities for young people.

Sunday services will be held at regular time, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Lunch will be held at the church. The public is invited.

Sauls Valley Builds Sanctuary

Sauls Valley Church, Lawrence County, is constructing a new brick sanctuary. Men of the church are doing all the labor, under the supervision of Billy Ray Sauls, adult director, Church Training, and assistant adult Sunday School teacher. The masonry work is being done by Sherman Mullins and Junior Buchanan. Several more men are assisting in the tasks. Hulon McKenzie is chairman of deacons.

The old sanctuary will be used for Sunday School and Church Training.

Rev. Charles Ezell of Franklin County is the pastor. This is Mr. Ezell's first pastorate.

Hickory Ridge Dedicates Baptistry

Hickory Ridge Church, Rankin County, recently dedicated a new baptistry, restrooms (completed early this year) new gold drapes for the baptistry, and new gold carpet for the pulpit platform and stairway leading to the Sunday School rooms. The church had not had baptistry or restrooms before.

In the same service twelve persons were baptized by Joe G. Cannoneri, pastor. These had been awaiting completion of the baptistry.

Deacon Louis Hemphill, chairman of the Building Committee and an electrical contractor, conceived the basic idea for the construction of the restrooms and baptistry, worked out plans for the best utilization of small space available, made the baptistry, and did the purchasing and most of the actual construction himself. He also directed the minor amount of hired labor and the volunteer labor contributed by a few church members.

Hickory Ridge, an open country church with Sunday School attendance in the 30s and 40s, exactly reached its goal of \$500 for the Little Moon Christmas Offering.

At the end of the 1974 church year, surplus above budget needs was \$947.22 (and the budget was considerably larger than the previous year). After a working balance of \$200 was retained, \$747.22 was sent to the Foreign Mission Board. (At the end of 1973, in the same way, a check for \$723.38 was sent to the Foreign Mission Board.)

First Graduate Loan Made From Special Fund At MC

The first graduate loan under the Guy Clifford Mitchell Graduate Education Loan Fund at Mississippi College was made this past semester and college officials are optimistic about the impact the fund can have on the graduate program in the future.

The initial loan went to Mrs. Billy Roberts of Clinton, a graduate student in education. Other loans will be made as the endowment increases.



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We Have A Great High Priest

By Wm. J. Falls
Hebrews 2:10 to 5:14

Last Sunday we began a five-Sunday unit on "Hebrews: Counsels of Faith and Courage." As this epistle (or sermon?) combines Old Testament quotations and concepts with the essence of the New Testament gospel, it provides a fitting follow-up to the six-month study of the theme of the Bible, beginning last September. Although the book is not easy to understand, these five les-



sons are focusing on five affirmations of faith found in Hebrews: We have a revelation, a great High Priest, a relationship, a faith and a hope. In every lesson passage the writer of Hebrews is showing his readers (Hellenistic - Jewish Christians) how far Christianity surpasses Judaism. He wants them to see God's ultimate intention in Christ.

**The Lesson Explained
HIS COMPASSION MAKES US BOLD (4:14-16)**

In the history of the Jews the high priest had always been a prominent leader, and when they were not allowed to have a king, he was really the head of the state. Devout Jews were more im-

pressed with his religious role, however, than with his political importance. On the annual Day of Atonement the high priest—and he alone—would enter the holy of holies and sprinkle the blood of sin offerings on the mercy seat to atone for his own and people's sin. It was an awesome task.

This is part of the background for these verses in Hebrews. The author has already referred in 2:17 to Jesus as a high priest, "to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Now he describes the kind of high priest Jesus is. Instead of the Temple curtain, he passed through the heavens, which may refer to the resurrection

influence of the cross. We are not allowed to forget that Jesus' destiny is Jerusalem.

Jesus voluntarily accepts the divine imperative under which his life has been placed as he sets his face to go to Jerusalem. Jesus chose to walk the road that he took, fully aware of his bitter destiny but also convinced that in losing his life he would gain it. Nevertheless, this does not absolve the men who murdered Jesus from their guilt at all. Jesus willingly accepted death; but men killed him in an act of lawlessness.

"This expresses his fixed purpose in the face of danger. For months he had avoided Judea. He would not tempt either God or man. But the time had now arrived when He must go to this hostile area. His hour was rapidly approaching and He would not avoid it.

"With a fixed purpose," Jesus was determined to fulfill God's will for His life, even though it led to a cross.

One day, when one of his secretaries suggested dropping work for a diversion which he knew would appeal to Woodrow Wilson, the President replied, "My boss won't let me do it."

"Your boss?" questioned the friend, wondering who could be the boss of the chief executive of the United States.

"Yes, I have a conscience that is my boss," said the President. "It drives me to the task, and will not let me accept the tempting invitation."

Jesus had a strong desire to glorify the Father by accomplishing what he had come to the earth to do. He had a fixed purpose and there was not anything he could do to change his goal.

Every person needs to know where he is going. A purposeless individual is unsettled in all his ways.

James M. Barrie said, "The life of every man is a dairy in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he hoped to make it.

Jesus was able to accomplish his purpose completely, because of his fixed purpose. When one really has a worthy goal, such as Jesus had, he avoids wasting time needlessly.

Do you know God's plan for your life? Have you a fixed purpose? Jesus invites you today to take up your cross and follow him.

and ascension. Instead of a man of Aaron's line, he is "the Son of God." This is the faith we must hold fast.

Besides, Jesus was not like the haughty and ambitious men who had occupied the high priest's chair; he can and does sympathize with our weaknesses. He knows what it means to be tempted even though he did not sin. Knowing that he has compassion and will not reject us, we can approach the throne of grace even in our sinfulness. Before the Holy One we are all unclean and shackled with selfishness, but Jesus, the High Priest, has opened the way for our cleansing and freedom.

HE WAS APPOINTED BY GOD (5:1-6)

This idea that Jesus was the great High Priest is the basic theme of the book from 4:14 through 10:22. The writer knew that for his Jewish readers he was making a strong case. The high priest was the mediator of atonement for the people; he could enter into the very presence of God. Yet he was one of the people, selected by God for his special role. Therefore, he ought to understand the problems of the people. Historically he had not sought the office, although in recent centuries the job had become a political plum.

Even as Aaron had been chosen by God, so Christ was appointed by the One who said, "Thou art my Son" and "Thou art a priest for ever," quoting verses from Psalms 2 and 110. Thus the writer of Hebrews shows his familiarity with Jesus' interpretation of himself based on Old Testament writings. (See Luke 24:44-45.) But his real purpose was to stress God's selection of Jesus as High Priest. Although he had been rejected by the earthly priests, Jesus was God's choice.

HE PROVIDED SALVATION FOR ALL (5:7-10)

Why was Melchisedec brought into a discussion of the Jewish priesthood? Mentioned in Genesis 14:18 as "priest of the most high God," he lived centuries before Aaron. He was also king of Salem. But we do not know how he

was appointed a priest. Thus, in a sense, the priesthood of Melchisedec is superior to the Aaronic line. Thus, he is a foregleam of the uniqueness of Jesus.

Far more important, however, are the ways in which Jesus qualified himself to be the great High Priest. Evidently referring to the Gethsemane experience, the writer of Hebrews describes Jesus as praying with "loud cries and tears." He believed that God could help him, and because he wanted his will to be done, God responded. Again, Jesus was prepared for his work as High Priest when he learned obedience through suffering. Although he was God's Son, he needed in the flesh the experience of obedience regardless of cost to achieve his goal ("made perfect") of pro-

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

With A Fixed Purpose

By Bill Duncan
Matt. 16:13-17, 21-23;
Luke 9:51; 13:31-35; 18:31-34

Peter and the other apostles had been closely associated with Jesus for approximately two and a half years. They had walked the dusty roads and trails with him. They had eaten with him and slept out under the stars with him. They had heard the marvelous words that



fell from his lips. They did not understand fully, particularly, the kind of Messiah he had come to be, but they had at least come to the tentative conclusion that he was the promised Messiah, the anointed of God.

"FROM THAT TIME" In Matthew 16:21, the phrase "from that time," introduces a major step of the public ministry of Jesus. Beginning with "From

that time" in Matthew 4:17, Jesus had concentrated on the proclamation of the Kingdom of heaven. Now in Matthew 16:21 in an area near Caesarea Philippi about six months before his crucifixion, He began to concentrate on the place and the meaning of the cross in his life and ministry. This represented a turning-point in his life, a flow with increasing rapidity toward Jerusalem and the cross.

The apostles and others had thought of the Messiah in terms of a conquering Messiah, a warrior king, who would sweep the Romans from Palestine and lead Israel to power. Peter's reaction shows just how far the disciples were from realizing just what Jesus meant when he claimed to be the Messiah and the Son of God.

So Jesus began to seek to open their eyes to the fact that for him there was no way but the way of the cross. He must go to Jerusalem and suffer at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes. These three groups made up the Sanhedrin, the head of religion of Israel. To die on a cross was a death of shame, but it was not the end. After the cross, there came the resurrection. The resurrection would be the victory of God over the wickedness of men.

The way of the cross was a way of utter self-denial and self-giving. To go to Jerusalem and die was something he must do. It was a necessity within freedom, not from outward compulsion but inner. He was moved by redeeming love, this was something that he had to do. It was a devotion to the Father's will which drove him onward to the cross and the glory beyond.

Jesus insisted upon the necessity of the way of the cross, not only for himself, but also for his followers. The cross could prove to be literal for the disciples as well as Master. It represents a real way of life through death to self for each disciple.

Thus Jesus began to teach more clearly the truth of the cross. "From that time" is truly a turning point in the training of the disciples.

"SET HIS FACE TO GO TO JERUSALEM"

Luke records in the ninth chapter and the fifty-first verse, "When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." Primarily the journey to Jerusalem provides the theological motif for the central section. It puts all that occurs after Luke 9:51 under the

Revival Dates

Center Terrace, Canton: March 9-16; Rev. Walter L. Yeldell, pastor, North Greenwood, evangelist; Glenn Davis, minister of music at Paul Truitt, singer; Mon.-Fri. at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Bible study at 10 a.m.; Sunday at 10:55 a.m.; Sat., the youth will have a Kidnap breakfast; men and boys' breakfast Sun. at 7; SS rally Sunday at 9:30.

Mount Zion (Simpson): March 23-28; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe Ratcliff, pastor of Collins Church, evangelist; Mitchell Roberts, song leader; Rev. Ben Carlisle, pastor.

Endville (Pontotoc): March 23-28; Rev. Partee Tutor, pastor, evangelist; Billy Estes, in charge of music; Mrs. Carolyn McCraw, pianist.

Big Ridge, Biloxi: March 9-16; Dr. James Street, pastor, First Wiggins, evangelist; Grant Shipp, leading music; nightly at 7:15; Rev. Robert Carlisle, pastor.

Liberty Church, Liberty: March 7-9; services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Roger Walker, evangelist, Russell Kyzar and Melinda Henderson, musicians; Charles Hollifield, pastor.

Grenada-Yalobusha Evangelism Rally Held At Coffeeville

On February 27 the Grenada-Yalobusha Evangelism Conference was held at First Church, Coffeeville. The Conference began at 4:30 p.m. when Rev. Roy C. Collum, secretary, Department of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spoke on "New Resources in Evangelism."

Following a supper meeting of church leaders, an evangelism rally was held. The choir of First Church, Grenada, Vernon Polk, director, sang. Featured speakers at the rally were Mr. Collum and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins. James Mason of Grenada is Chairman of Evangelism.

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Devotional

Running Smoothly

By Frank Pollard, Pastor, First, Jackson
Proverbs 3:5, 6

He had gotten a good buy in the old Model T. As he drove the old Ford home, however, it stopped cold on a lonely stretch of highway. The stranded motorist didn't know how to uncover the engine, much less work on it.



At this moment an apparently wealthy man in a gleaming new Lincoln Continental pulled up and asked if he could help.

"Anything you can do would be appreciated," said the owner of the ancient Ford.

With skill and tenderness, the stranger uncovered the engine compartment and made an adjustment on the old carburetor. He set the spark lever on the steering column just right. Then as he turned the crank the old "Tin Lizzie" ran like the day it was made.

An amazed and grateful owner asserted: "Thank you, sir, you've helped me, and I don't even know your name."

"You're quite welcome," he replied. "My name is Henry Ford!" You see, Henry Ford knew how to make a Model T run because he made it.

It is a matter of sanctified common sense to place our lives in the hands of God who can make them run smoothly because He made us.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall bring it to pass."

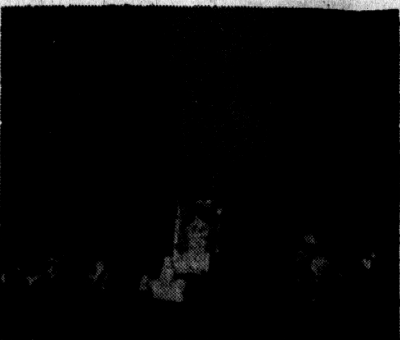
East McComb Women Go Around The World In 30 Minutes



Mrs. Brenda Baham and Mrs. Jane Wilkinson "serve tea in Japan."



Cornstalk shed in famine-ravaged Niger.



Mrs. Mimi Allen, WMU director at East McComb, "visits China."

By Mrs. Will Dunaway
Go around the world in 30 minutes! That could have been the theme of our Missions Fair. In authentically decorated rooms we were given information by cassette tape, picture slides, beautifully dressed "natives" and by "missionaries."

In Mexico we attended a fiesta, saw a bullfight, and ate tortillas. Ladies in China told the story of Lottie Moon and served little cookies. We visited the Baptist hospital in Israel and drank tea in Japan. We saw a cornstalk shed in

famine-ravaged Niger, watched a radio broadcast in Italy, and visited a village in Dahomey where "native" children served fresh fruit.

Afterwards in the hallways we heard, "Did you know that...?" "I was surprised to hear..." "It never occurred to me that..." "Only four missionaries here and over 90 there!"

Pastor Jimmy McGee, WMU director Mimi Allen, and WMU members smiled. Our weeks of planning and hard work had not

been in vain. The Missions Fair at East McComb Church was a success!

SAO PAULO, Brazil —The 500,000 Baptists of Brazil have been challenged by the Brazilian Baptist Convention Board of Evangelism to give blood. The Baptists want to point their blood donations to the unique "blood donation" Jesus Christ gave at Calvary, "reconciling man to God," according to Amelio Giannetta, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism.



Pictured are the instructors and officers for the Continuing Education Center sponsored by Calhoun Association: Rev. R. A. Coulter, Rev. Marvin K. Lee, Mrs. Josh Adams, Dr. Fuller B. Saunders, and Rev. Lyndle Davis.

Continuing Education Center Begun

A Continuing Education Center has been begun in Calhoun County under the sponsorship of Calhoun County Baptist Association.

Courses offered are "Old Testament," taught by Dr. Fuller Saunders, pastor of Houston, FBC; "Teaching For Results," taught by Mrs. Josh Adams, Calhoun City; and "Fundamentals of Music," taught by Rev. R. A. Coulter, pastor of Westside Church, Bruce.

Injured Baptist Tourist Returns Home From Israel

By Ruth Fowler

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — De Jean Replogle returned to the United States after an eight-week stay in an Israeli hospital recovering from injuries received during a grenade attack on the tourist bus in which she was touring Jerusalem. She is in satisfactory condition in a hospital here.

The 16-year-old member of Main Street Baptist Church was severely wounded as pieces of shrapnel from the grenade, allegedly thrown by Arab terrorists, ripped through the metal side of the bus. The Southern Baptist tourist group returned to the United States as planned except for the Replogle family.

Miss Replogle was rushed to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem after the incident. She underwent 14 hours of surgery and subsequently the amputation of her right leg above the knee.

Still without an artificial limb and thus unable to walk, Miss Replogle made the trip from Israel on a stretcher. She was greeted at the Jacksonville airport by

the mayor, who presented her with keys to the city, the Jewish-Israeli consulate, her high school band, the head of the Jewish community and several other dignitaries and well-wishers.

On the same day Miss Replogle returned to Jacksonville, Southern Baptist Missionaries joined with other Christians and the Arab and Jewish communities in Jerusalem for a 24 hour "chain of prayer" service.

All expenses have been paid by the Israeli government which has also granted Miss Replogle a lifetime pension.

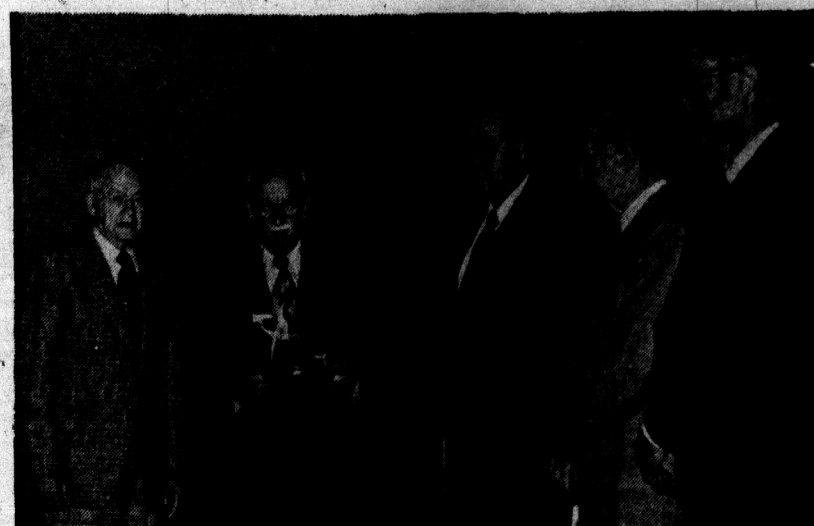
Lawless described the family as being in remarkably good spirits with no animosity at all. He said Miss Replogle has expressed a mature faith and accepted the incident as an opportunity to witness.

Music Weeks At Ridgecrest And Glorieta

Two SBC Youth Choir Festivals are scheduled for Ridgecrest, June 7-13 and June 14-17. Also two will be held at Glorieta, May 30-June 2 and June 3-6. These are Convention-wide festivals for youth choirs featuring a parade of participating choirs and celebration experiences by the entire festival group. Applications and full details may be secured from the Youth Choir Festival Director, Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN 37234, or Ms. Church Music Department.

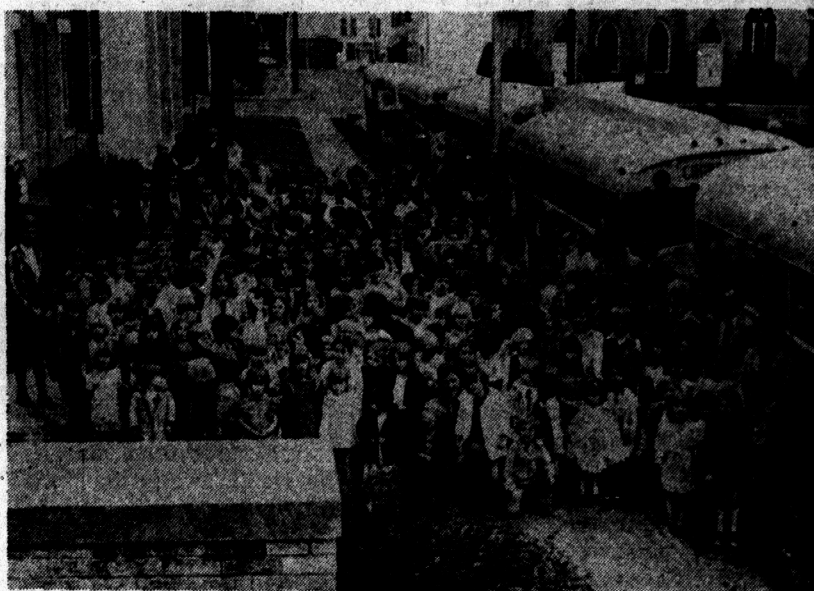
Music Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest will be June 21-27 and at Glorieta July 12-18. These will be directed by William J. Reynolds, Church Music Department, BSSB. They are designed for persons 18 years and above who have music responsibility in a church.

Request for reservations must be made by mail and be accompanied by the Conference Services Fee (\$15.00 per person for all persons who have completed first grade and above; preschool children fee is \$7.50). For reservations write Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770 or Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.



First, Starkville, Pays Off Sanctuary Debt

On February 16, the congregation of First Church, Starkville, joined in a service of celebration. The \$350,000 bond issue on the sanctuary was paid off on February 1. A bond was burned symbolizing all the cancelled bonds. Left to right: J. C. Nash, church treasurer, 1948-1974; Howard Williford, Chairman of Sanctuary Building Committee and trustee; Dr. Maurice Kennedy, Trustee and Building Committee member; Dr. C. Dale Hoover, Building Committee member; and Paul Millsaps, Sr., trustee. Dr. D. C. Applegate, pastor of the church from 1954-1971, and now pastor emeritus, led in the prayer of thanksgiving and Dr. William Welch climaxed the event by singing Bless This House with words adopted by Mrs. R. R. Lloyd, Sr. First Baptists are now participating in enlarging their Building Fund for building expansion in the near future. Dr. Raymond Lloyd is pastor.



Third Anniversary: Buses At W. Point

On February 2, First Church, West Point, celebrated its third anniversary in the bus ministry, with 265 riders. During the past three years, this ministry has grown from seven riders on the first Sunday to a high Sunday of 316 riders. During the church year 1973-74, 10,125 people rode buses to the church. "Over 350 souls have been saved because of the bus ministry," states Rev. Joel E. Haire, pastor. Noel Wright, III is bus director.

Tornado Kills One; Damages Churches

By Robert LaFave
FORT VALLEY, Ga. (BP) — First Baptist Church was heavily damaged and Shiloh Baptist

Church, a black church, was demolished here as a tornado struck, killing at least one and injuring more than 100 others.

The tornado, which struck here February 18, caused an estimated \$7.5 million damage.

Hanging Moss, Jackson, Calls Pastor

Hanging Moss Church, Jackson, has called Dr. Paul Wilson as pastor. Dr. Wilson, who has resigned First Ripley, to accept the call, is a well-known evangelistic pastor, widely used in revival crusades throughout the nation. Churches which he has served as pastor have annually ranked

ers in total baptisms. Dr. Wilson was one of five pastors invited by the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board to make an evangelistic tour of the Virgin Islands in 1970. Numbers were won to Christ during his preaching tour, and he has been invited by the missionaries to return at a future date. He currently is writing an adult stewardship lesson for the Sunday School Board.

Other pastorates during his ministry include the Bethel, Harmony, and Liberty churches in Winston County. He was pastor of Yale Street, Cleveland 9½ years before accepting the call to First Church, Opa-Locka, Florida.

He earned the Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology Degrees from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida.

Dr. Wilson has written a book, An Unveiling of the Future, an exposition of the Book of Revelation.

County Line (Rankin) Calls New Pastor

Rev. Thomas Kirkpatrick has accepted the pastorate of County Line (Rankin). He is enrolled at Mississippi College.

For the past five years Mr. Kirkpatrick has been pastor of churches in Newton County. At his last pastorate he led in erection of an education building, and in his two years as pastor there were 23 additions. He served as the association's vice-chairman and program director.

Native of Neshoba County, he is married to the former Martha Smith of Collinsville. They have a daughter, Carol, a third grader.

Off The Record

A young chaplain, new with the prison system, was sent to console an inmate soon to be electrocuted.

As the prisoner was being led to the chair, the flustered chaplain, not wanting to say, "Good-bye" which sounded terribly final; or "see you later," which really wasn't what he wanted; finally said to the condemned man, "More power to you!"

Merle Anthony, American League umpire, likes to tell this story:

"Two years ago during an Oakland - Milwaukee exhibition at Sun City, Arizona, Mike Hegan was at bat for Oakland. It was one of those hot, muggy days. The pitcher for Milwaukee was a rookie kid who looked like he was afraid to throw the ball. He'd get the sign, step off the mound, rub the ball. And after three or four times some old gentleman in the stands yelled to me:

"Mr. Umpire, would you please tell that pitcher to hurry up! Some of us don't have too much time left!" — Dave Hicks, The Arizona Republic.

Missionaries On Furlough In Mississippi

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are listed below:

Wayne and Florence Frederick from Guadeloupe, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; John and Jean Jacobs from Guyana, 307 College St., Newton; Lewis and Toni Myers, from Vietnam, Box 365, Boyle; Harry and Frances Raley from Taiwan, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Don and Jo Redmon from Costa Rica, 1625 Easy Street, Yazoo City; Betty Hart from Chile, Sandy Hook.

James and Paulette Kellum were scheduled to arrive in the state this month, from Vietnam. Mary Frances Kirkpatrick of PMB 5113, Ibadan, Nigeria, is to arrive in Mississippi in March.

Rev. James Drane To Preach In Utah

Mantee Church, Zion Association, is sending Director of Missions, Rev. James Drane, to Utah for a simultaneous revival in April. Mr. Drane will go with several other Directors of Missions from Mississippi. The check Mr. Drane is receiving is from Mantee Church Trust Fund, established in 1968 for the purpose of sending its own pastors and other ministers to the Holy Land and to mission fields to preach the gospel. Since the trust fund's inception, over 500 people have been led to Christ through this effort. Shown in the photo are: left, Rev. James Drane; right, Alonzo Skelton, chairman of the Mantee deacons; and Dr. Fred Womack, pastor, looking on.

March BH Topics

"Every Christian has a rendezvous with destiny," Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs will tell listeners on the March 16 broadcast of "The Baptist Hour."

In March Dr. Hobbs continues a series of sermons on the "guideposts To Life" theme.

"Jesus had His rendezvous with destiny in Gethsemane, where He found victory to do God's will in drinking the cup of sin," Hobbs said, warning, "Christians, too, have a rendezvous, when they must decide for or against God."

In "One of You Shall Betray Me," (March 9) Dr. Hobbs warns that Christians often betray Jesus "by refusing to dedicate to Him all you have and are. Living for selfish ends only, you betray the purpose of His death in not sharing your faith with others."

Dr. Hobbs describes "The Death of the King" on March 23. "An analysis of Jesus' trial before Pilate reveals that Jesus was in charge of events," he says. "He guided them so that, in the end, He was crucified as a king."

On Easter, Hobbs declares that "The Headline of History" is the news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

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